George Alfred Townsend, Famous Writer of Days Gone By

ATH" was a widely known pen name, and perhaps for two generations it was the widest known pen name, but as to that there may be conflict of opinion. The name of the man who signed the letters "Gath" was not so well known as his pen name, though there is nothing extraordinary in that, for it was "Gath" which readers saw in print day after day for more than forty years, and it was "Gath's" observations, comment and opinions which men quoted, or which they appropriated, repeated and passed on as their own However, as time went by the name "George Alfred Townsend" became extensively known and the general run of people reading the soon came to a point in the news-paper business where he could afford to paper business where he could afford to

by the name "George Alfred Townsend send" became extensively known and the general run of people reading mewspapers came to understand that "Gath" was George Alfred Townsend or that George Alfred Townsend or that George Alfred Townsend was seventy-three years—from 1841 to 1914. His period of writing covered fifty-four years, or from 1860 till death, and the active period of his newspaper writing was from 1867 untill the late eighties, and it may be that some will say that his newspaper ear citvites did not perceptibly dependent of his friends, or something the was an important figure here along the streets, at the Capitol, in the departments, in the hotel lobbies and in those saloons where newspaper lock of his friends, or something the control of the part of George Alfred Townsend or about the first of his friends, or something which Mr. Blaine did to Mr. Townsend or about the said, or something the said to Mr. Townsend or one of his friends, or something the said to Mr. Townsend or about the first of his friends, or something the said to Mr. Townsend or about the forces which have carried and are carrying men's morals to a better plane. In this work no agency which Mr. Blaine education, at any rate. Townsend's correspondence in a democratic news to me usually have some such foundation. At any rate. Townsend's correspondence in a democratic news apper took on a strong anti-Blaine campaign of 1884.

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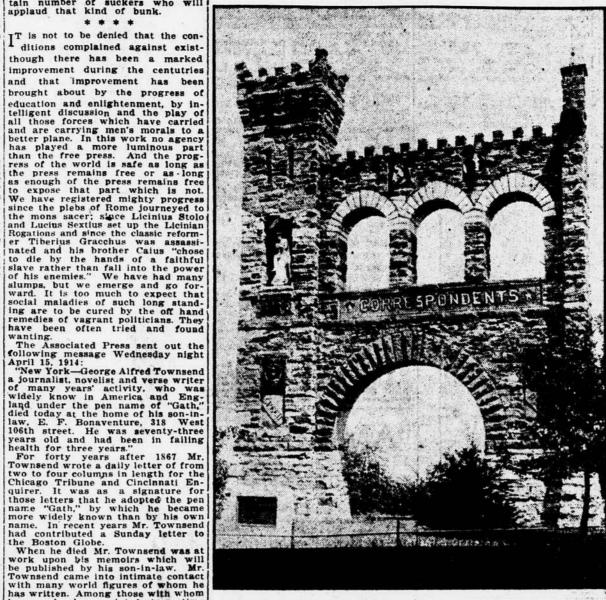
end urged him to modify his letters, saying that he (the democratic editor) would give orders that the letters should have the strong anti-Blaine stuff edited out of them. Townsend refused to soften his comments on Blaine's candidacy and refused to worker and not believed that Gath did these things at the orders of any other man.

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large, a few facts, a large amount of observation and opinion and a plentiful mixture of essay were often the ingredients of his stories.

His poetry or verse is a subject which should be discussed by men who have more than a superficial knowledge of that form of writing. None of George Alfred Townsend's books made much impress on the public and no impress on what, for lack of a definite term, one calls "literature." His books, repeating what he had written for newspapers, were accounted satisfactory and informing, and not even those men who were fond of Mr. Townsend, that his books are especially noteworthy. There is in a number of them matter of permanent value. Some contain a record of events value some contains a record of events value some contains a record of events value some contains a record of events value some contain a record of events value. Some contain a record of events value some contain a record of events value some contain a record of events value. Some contain a record of events value some contain a record of events value. Some contain a record of events value some contains a record of events values. Some contain a record of events value some contains a record of events value some contains and the contai

EADER of the Old Guard of Newspaper Writers in Washington-Correspondent During the Civil War-Reporter, Editor, Essayist, Poet and Scholar Combined. "Gath," his Pen Name, a Byword for Many Years-Monument He Erected Among the Blue Ridge Mountains-Other Well Known "Journalists" of the Last Century.



and interviews with the government, and interviews with two venerable citizens whom he writes of as "Christian Hines, who remembers back to 1796, and Noble Hurdle, his cotemporary."

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rate death of Mr. Townsend would have been given much more space in the press had it not been for the immense pressure on newspapers by the Mexican situation. The day of Mr. Townsend's death President Wilson ordered the Atlantic fleet to Tampico and the

George Alfred Townsend, widely-known journalist and author, who wrote for many years under the pen name of "Garth." died yesterday at New York at the home of his son-in-law, E. F. Bonaventure. He was seventy-three years old and had been in poor health for some time.

Mr. Townsend went to New York two weeks ago from his home in Washington to visit his ago from his home in Washington to visit his ago from his home in Washington to visit his ago from his home in Washington to visit his ago from his home in Washington to the Herald; T. B. Florence, clittor of the Gasette; D. C. Fornes was given as the cause of death.

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next it seemed that war between
Mexico and the United States was inevitable. Newspapers were crammed
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correspondent of the Cincinnati Enquirer.

Mr. Townsend's name does not appear in the Washington directory of 1867 or 1868. He enters the directory in 1869 as "George A. Townsend, author, residence 319 B street north." In 1870 he is still "George A. Townsend, author," but has moved to 926 17th street northwest. There is no change in 1871 and 1872. In 1873 it is "George A. Townsend, correspondent, New York Herald, 916 17th street northwest." In 1873 it is "George A. Townsend, sorrespondent, New York Herald, 916 17th street northwest." In 1876 the name appears in black-face type and is "Gearge A. Townsend, journal'st, Chicago Tribune, 916 17th street northwest." In 1875 it is, in ordinary type, "George A. Townsend, correspondent, Chicago Tribune," and he has moved to 1020 17th street. In 1876 he disappears from the city directory, not to reappear for many years till he buys the house, long known as his Washington home. No. 229 1st street northeast, which was torn down at the time of the building of the Senate office building which covers its site.

Tracing Mr. Townsend through directories yielded few facts about him, but brought out some things which The Kashington directory in the '70s

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1891—Raplie Cheshire, Robert W. Dutten, William J. Dwyer, Kate Field, Luther Little, Irvine Matthews, Richard Oulshan.

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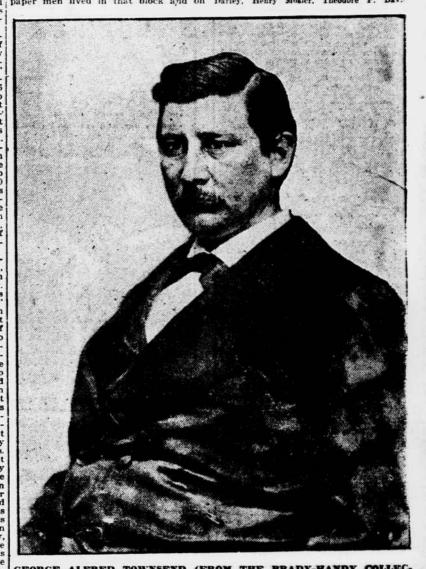
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Ridge north of the Potomac are four passes, the first from the Potomac being Brownsville Gap, the next Cramptons, the third Foxs Gap, and the fourth Turners Gap, which is sometimes called Dahlgren Gap, from Dahlgren Church, which stands by the roadside, and that road is one of the important ones in the Washington re-

it bears millions of blue-black berries about the size of that wild graps which we call the "chicken grape." This plant is a native of the orient and grows extensively in Japan. China and the Himalaya region. At some remote time it was introduced into England. It is closely related to the grape and is related in some degree to our familiar Virginia creeper which, by the way, is officially called "Ampelopsis" "Ampelopsis" is a combination of the Greek words "ampelosis." "Ampelopsis" or resemblance, which means that the botanists do not class it as a true vine, but as a plant which resembles a vine.

The late William R. Smith, who for half a century was superintendent of the National Botanic Garden, brought seeds and cuttings of this vine to the National Botanic Garden, brought steeds and cuttings of this vine to the United States about 1857. He

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SKIPPING the directories of 1893 and 1894 and reading 1895 one finds "George A. Townsend, journalist, 229 1st street northeast," and these names of newcomers in the ntwspaper field not in the list of 1892:

William E. Annin, Archibald W. Butt, Thomas F. Dawson, James A. Halford, Charles B. Lockwood, Francis Mattingly, J. Cai O'Loughlin, Edward Oldham, Raymond Patterson, Reginald Schroeder, Allan B. Stadden.

Turning back to 1894, The Star man finds Mr. Townsend at his new-bought home, 229 1st street northeast, and there he is registered each year from an information back to 1894, The Star man finds Mr. Townsend at his new-bought home, 229 1st street northeast, and there he is registered each year from 1894 to 1914, the year of his death, except the years 1965 and 1909. In 1890, In 189